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Dear Harold,

You are correct in assuming that my long delay in writing is because I am busy with physics. I will take my qualifying exams around May 9 and hope to have more free time after that. I have not yet even been able to study the N.O. trial newspaper reports in detail. Generally things are okay. I did get to spend some time with Bud F. when he was here a week and a half ago. As usual, I am replying to your letters in haste; Hal and Jim may have more to say later. I think that even when we cannot add much it is useful for us to know what you are doing.

Your letter of 2/24: as you now know, I was not entangled with the cops, on CBS or elsewhere, fortunately.... I would like to get a set of your unpublished books for us here. If you wish, I would probably be willing to pay for a second Xeroxed set (about 1000 pages?). You know the cost to me; this might be the easiest place for you to get additional copies. I wouldn't be able to read them before mid-May, but Hal and Jim (and Monroe Moen) could. Please specify the public or confidential status of any such material you send; I think Lifton would like to see anything you publish. For Xeroxing, I would need a fairly clear copy.

Your 2/24 to Gary rec'd.... Your 2/27 re Mark Holean: rings no bells.... Your 2/28 w/encl rec'd....Your 3/2 to Gary, me, and Hal: many of Gary's Archives documents were of very poor quality; the Xerox copy I had made for myself was very little worse. Unless your copies were improperly fused (print rubs off) you have the best that can be made without reordering from the Archives. I am assuming that Gary has sent the requested documents and that Hal will contact Bothelo when he has time.... Re Barry: if feasible, I would like a description of the "name files," perhaps with a list.

Eckhoff's 3/5 to Jim S.: "Documents containing the name of Thomas Vallee are withheld from research at the request of the FBI."

Your mailing of 3/4: Jim could find no Adm. Kiney, and only one Kinney, as follows: (from 1968 Register of Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the USN & MC(NavPers 15018)) Sheldon Hoard Kinney, Rear Admiral since 7/1/67 (sic), DOB 27 Aug 1918; line officer, regular navy; qualified for command of destroyer; source of commission:Naval Academy; graduate [redacted] National War College; holds Navy Cross. May or may not be the right man.

Your 3/6: I have nothing on "Joven America." I am not familiar with the content or organization of the Stanford Archives, and I doubt that a phone call would help. Eventually I might get down there to look at them.... No time now to check on James Lawrence - Bloomfield matter.

Your 3/10: Bundy memo and AG memo on availability of WC material enclosed. Could there be any significance to the closeness of the dates on these items to that of the unavailable memo on the transfer of the autopsy material? I doubt it, but might page 5 of the AG's memo possibly be construed as a reference to such material?

Your 3/22 and 3/24 w/encl recd.... Your 3/31: Anonymous letter to Ruby with misspelling "probley" sounds interesting; reference was incorrectly given as 26H645 - do you have the correct one handy?... Both Hal and Jim saw the material you sent me on the destruction of the Ex Sess notes; I told noone else. (The only other critics I talk with more than very rarely are Turner and Lifton, with whom I would not discuss your confidential material, of course.) Hal says he told noone and Jim is, I believe, in touch with noone else. Don't quote me, but I vaguely remember that Bud may have mentioned this matter very casually in conversation with Turner and me; there was no discussion of it.

Your 4/5 w/encl recd .... Memo on LHO notebook - Hosty material enclosed.

Sincerely,

Paul